(SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The licences for the operation of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service, Radio Paging Service and other Value Added Services have been issued to the Indian Registered companies only. These companies may have a foreign partner. The details of the licences issued so far, are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 174 Annexure No. 36]

(b) to (d) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

Use of Forest Land for Public Purpose by States

1649. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Rajasthan that where the land involved is less than 50 hectares, powers of exempting such land from the provisions of the Forest (conservation) Act may be delegated to the State Governments; particularly in cases where forest land is required for public purposes; and

(b) whether Government propose to simplify the procedure to give an opportunity to the State's representatives to make their view point clear while rejecting cases under the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Powers have been delegated to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests to finally dispose of all proposals involving diversion of forest land upto 5 hectares, except in respect of proposals for regularisation of encroachments and for mining. For proposals involving diversion of forest area above 5 ha. and upto 20 ha., powers have been delegated to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests to examine the proposals in consultation with the State-level Advisory Group consisting of representatives of the State Government. The views of the Advisory Group and the proposal is sent to the Ministry for consideration and final decision. Proposals above 20 ha. are directly received in the Ministry under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from various State Governments/Union Territories and are discussed in the Forest Advisory Committee consisting of four official members and three non-official members. The final decision is taken only after taking into consideration the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee. At present, there is no proposal under consideration to further amend the procedure for examination of proposals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, since the present simplified procedure is found to be adequate and satisfactory in achieving the objectives of the Act.

उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की मरम्मत और रख-रखाव

1650. **श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) विगत पांच वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की मरम्मत और उनके रख-रखाव पर कितनी राशि व्यय की गई;

(ख) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने समस्त आबंटित राशि का उपयोग राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की मरम्मत और रख-रखाव के लिए ही किया है अथवा इस राशि को अन्य प्रयोजनों पर व्यय किया है; और

(ग) क्या मरम्मत और रख-रखाव का कार्य राज्य लोक निर्माण विभाग को दिया गया अथवा केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग को सौंपा गया है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर): (क) राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की मरम्मत और रख-रखाव के लिए पिछले पांच वर्षों में उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को आबंटित राशि नीचे दी गई है:-

(लाख रु.)

वर्ष	आबंटन
1990-91	1108.51
1991-92	1312.05
1992-93	1394.96
1993-94	1710.52
1994-95	2065.48

(ख) आबंटित निधियां पूरी तरह उपयोग में लाई जा चुकी हैं।

(ग) केन्द्र सरकार ने मरम्मत और रख-रखाव का कार्य एजेंसी आधार पर राज्य लोक निर्माण विभाग को सौंप दिया है।